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Joel 2:23, 28

Zech. 10:1

Psa. 104:16a

John 14:16

John 15:26

John 16:13

John 7:38

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:4

Acts 8:17

Acts 10:44-46

Acts 19:6

James 5:7

Ezek. 47:1

Zech. 14:8

Rev. 22:1

GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49

Eph. 5:18

*"... Upon this
rock I will build
my church; and
the gates of hell
shall not prevail
against it." Matt.
16:18.*

The Church of God Evangel

CLEVELAND, TENN.

Notices

ANTED: A young man interested in assisting in general evangelistic work, preferably a licensed evangelist. Please give details of Christian experience, education, and musical training.—Evangelist, Box 32, Williamson, W. Va.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that W. I. Bass, formerly a Church of God minister, was under charges in Florida and was notified to meet the State Board for trial, but he did not appear. Therefore, the Board asked that his license be revoked on said charges, which was carried out by the state overseer.

Mr. Bass appealed to the General Overseer for a new trial and a Board was appointed to hear the case and he also refused to meet this board.

Mr. Bass has written several cards and letters to both ministers and laymen, but we hope that no one has been disturbed by any of his statements.—John C. Jernigan, General Overseer; W. E. Johnson, Overseer of Florida.

Deaths

BALDREE

J. P. Baldree, who was a member of the North Cleveland Church of God, and for twelve years an employee of the Church of God Publishing House, went to his eternal home September 2, 1945; age thirty-seven years. He bore his affliction patiently, and was always ready to do his part in church.

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Special Notice

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my sister, Mrs. Ida Mae Dyar, Rt. 5, Boaz, Ala.; my mother, Mrs. Fannie Berry, Rt. 5, Boaz, Ala., to be healed of heart trouble; my husband and other loved ones. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Ruby Jo Wilson, Rt. 3, Albertville, Ala.

The healing of my sister who is in a serious condition, she has lost her mind.—Ethel Herring, 600 E. Wright St., Pensacola, Fla.

God to deliver me, I really need your prayers. I am a heartbroken father who has served overseas in this war.—Warren Evans, Rt. 2, Box 51, Bogalusa, La.

The healing of my husband, he is a wounded soldier and if the Lord doesn't undertake there isn't a chance for him. Encouragement will be appreciated. His address is Pfc. Milford Grace, 34946080, Kennedy General Hosp., Ward 6-A, Memphis, Tenn.—Mrs. Donia Grace, Rt. 3, Double

Springs, Ala.

To all the good people who helped pray for my darling daughter who recently lost her mind on account of the report of her husband being killed in Europe in battle for our country and your and my right to freedom, I have no other way of answering all of the good, encouraging letters and the wonderful tracts that have been sent to me since I sent in the request, only through the good old Evangel. I find great comfort in the reading of the Evangel. I thank all of you for your words of encouragement, and may God give you a good blessing and the best peace in a better home beyond this life.

I pray and I ask that all continue to pray for my little girl. At times she is better; other times she seems to get worse. I know we have to learn to wait on the Lord and take things according to His will. Thanks

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The Bishops' Council and General Assembly

By PAUL H. WALKER
Overseer of Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia

We are certain that the little city of Sevierville, Tennessee, the home of our Bible Training School, entertained more preachers than it ever had before. Sevierville lies at the foothills of the Great Smokies. Its hospitality and entertainment of the hundreds of bishops that attended the Assembly could not have been better.

BISHOPS' COUNCIL

There were over five hundred bishops in attendance from over the nation and foreign countries. All were informally greeting each other as they would come in from the various sections. Soon the auditorium was well filled and the old hymn was sung, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." This chorus of male voices filled the place and there were shouts of praises to God as His presence came into our midst.

DISCUSSIONS

There were many timely subjects up for discussion, some of them so vital that it took hours of deliberation in trying to find the true course to follow. The jewelry question was one of grave concern. The bishops felt there was a letting-up in the movement on the question of wearing jewelry. They deliberated until it seemed we could go no further. The moderator, Brother Jernigan, called the Council to prayer, he laid his gavel aside, as much as to say, "Holy Spirit, let me step aside and you take the reins," and truly He did, as our hearts were melted together and the Holy Spirit spoke and the interpretation that followed was the answer to prayer and the matters were definitely settled.

After this great feast from the Lord, the ministers felt the place to begin this great move for a deeper sanctification in holy attire was to begin it themselves. My, I can see them coming from all parts of the building with their unnecessary jewelry, and when it was over there were over one hundred and twenty articles disposed of.

It was the determination of these ministers, with a few exceptions, to lift high the doctrine of holiness with love and compassion for souls. Long will this Bishops' Council live in the memories of those that were there.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Assembly was curtailed by government restrictions, so instead of having six or eight thousand, we had less than one thousand present. However, plans are being made for a wide open Assembly next year, so begin now to pack your bags, as they will be coming ten thousand strong. The Assembly repealed the districting of the U. S. and instead of having six Assistant General Overseers, we have one. This office was filled by Rev. H. L. Chesser and we feel he will do a great work and our prayers are with him. Brother Jernigan was re-elected as General Overseer. He was of the best of spirits during the Assembly and did a fine job with the gavel. We believe Brother Jernigan and Brother Chesser will make a great team.

Brother R. P. Johnson preached a great sermon to the ministers on "Duty of Love to God, Duty of Love to the Church and Duty of Love to the Lost." This was a rich message

and our hearts rejoiced as we saw Calvary, the call to the ministry, the ministers' consecration, and responsibility. Brother Godwin preached on "Evangelism." He held his audience with his manner and the message was enjoyed.

The mission service was about the greatest I have ever witnessed at the General Assembly. There were many missionaries present from Haiti, Mexico, Central America, and other places. The mission cause was brought nearer our hearts and I believe the ministers will work harder in behalf of missions this year than ever before.

Now that the Assembly is over and most of us are in our fields of labor, let us work harder than ever before, hand in hand. What I mean by saying hand in hand is this: our strength is dependent on our unity. Unity is generally disrupted by some polished politician who has no sense of the value of the character, principles, convictions, or years of faithful service of others. Merit lies in faithful service and accomplishment and not in high-sounding phrases at the expense of faithful servants. So the rest of 1945 and '46 must be carried forward with one ideal and motive—THE SALVATION OF SOULS AND NOT THEIR DESTRUCTION.

The Light of the World

MRS. OPAL CAPELL

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid," Matt. 5:14.

We find in the Word of God that God is the Creator of light as well as everything else and it is the most important thing we could have. I can't imagine our living in a world without light. Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount that we Christians are to let our lights shine out in this sin-darkened world as a symbol and the means of pointing others to Christ. He said a man does not light a candle

and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. That is why when a person finds God all his friends and kinspeople will know about it. You can't have salvation and keep it hid. By the life you live before them, people will know where you stand.

One writer says, "Our unconscious influence is usually our greatest influence; it may be for good or it may be for evil." So, sometimes when we

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Priceless Jewish Treasures

Priceless manuscripts, books and ritual treasures of looted Jewish libraries and congregations in Holland, Norway, France, Poland, Russia, Greece, Hungary, Germany, and other parts of Europe have been discovered stored in the crossroads village of Hungen, southeast of Giessen and northeast of Frankfurt am Main. The looting had been done by anti-Semitic organizations founded by Hitler's intellectual aid, Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, preacher of the doctrine of the Germanic master race, whose racial persecutions have earned him a high-ranking spot among war criminals.

—Jewish Missionary Magazine.

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Church Membership

The Yearbook of American Churches reports 72,492,669 persons have a church membership in the United States as comprised in 256 church bodies. This is the largest number ever reported, the total number of members now claimed by these groups are equal to 52.5 per cent of the total population of the whole U.S. The total also represents an increase of 3,991,483 during the last two years. Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations comprise 44,431,784 members; Roman Catholics, 23,419,701; while Jews number 4,641,184. There are 253,762 local churches reported, with an increase of 3,875 over 1943.

"Thirteen bodies each reported more than one million members, with a total of 58,767,348 persons, equal to 82 per cent of the total figure. In addition to the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Jewish congregations, these are:

"Southern Baptist Convention, 5,667,926; National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., 4,021,618; National Baptist Convention of America, 2,352-339; Protestant Episcopal Church, 2,227,524; Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 2,040,399; United Lutheran Church in America, 1,690,204; Disciples of Christ, 1,672,354; Northern Baptist Convention, 1,555,914; Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states, 1,356,655; Congregational

Christian Churches, 1,075,401.

"Twenty-three Baptist denominations have 14,208,193 members, 20 Methodist denominations have 9,924-842, and 20 Lutheran denominations have 5,129,147, according to the Yearbook.

"Between 1931, the year of the first compilation of church membership of the scope now being made, and the period 1943-44, summaries of official reports reveal a gain in inclusive church membership from 59,797,851 to 72,492,669, or 12,694,818 persons, an increase of 21.2 per cent. Over a comparable period, between 1930 and July 1944, the population of the Continental United States increased from 122,775,046 to 138,100,874, a total gain of 15,325,828 or 12.5 per cent, according to Census figures."

You will note that none of the Church of God, Pentecostal, or other holiness groups are mentioned as to membership, though these are given in the Yearbook.

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Palestine

TEL AVIV—Palestine now numbers 2,523 physicians, of whom 2,247 are Jews, 188 Christians, and 88 Moslems. Women comprise 21 per cent of the total.

According to a report submitted to a conference here, there were only thirty Jewish physicians in the whole of Palestine during the first World War. The Jewish population then was around 50,000. The present Jewish Community numbers 600,000.—*The New Palestine*.

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Atomic Potency

The discovery of the atomic bomb is a striking revelation of energy stored everywhere about us. God has been sending "forked lightning," "earthquakes," "meteors," and many other strange sights for thousands of years. Apparently scientists are waking up to what is available in the form of power. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah by fire and has also purposed to destroy the elements with fervent heat, the earth also and the works

that are therein shall be burned up. 2 Peter 2:6; 3:10. For Satan, the beast, fallen angels, atheists, sinners, and all who reject God, He has designed to give them the fireworks. Rev. 19:20; 20:15. Scientists are tapping the fringes of the eternal.

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German Nazi Christian Movement Dead

Word comes from Loerrach, Baden, Germany, that the Nazi-sponsored "German Christian" movements, aimed against the German Evangelical Church, is dead.

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The Housing Shortage

Can be solved by these simple calculations, as to why the shortage has arisen and continues. There are reported to be 17,750,000 women employed in April, 1945, which represents an increase of 57 per cent over April of 1940. More than 3,000,000 children were born each year during 1942, 1943, and 1944, a higher annual total than ever reached before. The number of families has also continued to increase at about 500,000 annually to an estimated total of 37,040,000 in May, 1944.

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Printing Bibles in Germany

A report from Washington states that American occupation authorities in Germany are encouraging the printing of Bibles and religious periodicals. A former Nazi plant is being used for this purpose in Munich.

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Great Bishops' Council and Fortieth Annual Assembly

REV. R. R. WALKER

In a small village near the Great Smoky Mountains, the home of the Church of God Bible Training School and College, met the 40th session of Bishops' Council. Missionaries from some of the near-by fields were also present. With the facilities of both Boys' and Girls' dormitories and an open door from the citizens of Sevierville, the delegates were cared for with little difficulty.

The fellowship of the brethren was one of the great features of the Bishops' Council. Many times brethren would differ in opinion but fellowship was easily maintained because the same Spirit was the dominant factor in every life.

The bishops gathered for their first session Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m., and met morning, afternoon, and evening through Saturday. Many lengthy discussions were entered into, and after the subject had been discussed by both affirmative and negative, until it seemed that nothing else could be said, someone would move the previous question so a vote could be taken. Usually a lengthy discussion showed both sides of a question and a decision was easily reached.

To me the greatest topic discussed during the Council was "Our Youth." I sincerely believe if God will help us (and we know He will) to provide proper leadership, wholesome recreation, and an outlined program for youth in the Church, much good will be accomplished. If this program can be worked out for the development and expansion of the activities of the youth in the Church of God, then long shall be remembered the 40th Assembly by the youth of our Church. In the initial service of the Assembly, Brother R. P. Johnson brought a timely message on "Consecration and Responsibility of the Ministry." This soul-stirring message surely found its way into the hearts of those present and God only knows the good it will accomplish. I believe we all feel a re-

newed responsibility to God and His Church.

The second great message was delivered by Brother T. W. Godwin, on "Local Evangelism." He stirred the ministers until some said, "I believe I will resign from my church and evangelize." Others were moved so they resolved to do more evangelistic work than ever before. To evangelize the world should be and is our motto and plan. "God help us to take the great commission as God directs the message to us."

The mission program, as usual, was very interesting. To hear the returned

missionaries tell of various needs in the different countries, provinces, and islands, stirred our hearts as we got a picture of how hungry they were for the gospel message and how readily they accepted it. I believe this picture ever before us will keep the mission spirit aflame and people will willingly do more for the mission cause in the future.

Another great need was noticeable. This was God-called, ready-to-sacrifice missionaries. Some answered the call and are going out to fulfill the words of Jesus when He said; "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God bless them as they go, with those who have already gone!

It seemed that the people left the Assembly with a "go ye" in their souls to be better missionaries, better pastors, better evangelists.

I hope that all who wish shall be privileged to attend the Assembly next year. May God help us to do our best for God and His Church which we all love better than our own lives.

Where Treadeth the Sole

MABEL MADDEFORD

Moses, the great leader and commander, took the children of Israel as far as he could, then, when his work was done, God raised up another man to carry on. God always has His man ready. To Joshua God said, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, *that have I given you.*"

God has so many wonderful and glorious things for His people, but just as God had given Jericho to Joshua yet the city *had to be taken*, so it is even today. God has given to His people the promised word of "much land yet to be possessed." But oh, so many are satisfied with milk while there is honey, grapes of Eschol, and wine over in the to-be-possessed land. Too many are satisfied to just barely make it into heaven, therefore they are lazy and careless and indifferent, and we see them sit and yawn, scarcely able to stay awake in church, when some God-anointed preacher is trying to lead them out into the milk and honey. They say, "Oh, that's too deep for us." God says in Isa. 28:9, 10, "To whom shall he teach knowledge? and

whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." Paul said, 1 Cor. 3:1-3, "I have fed you with milk, and not meat, for ye were not able to bear it." Some will always be babes. But, thank God, there are some who have left the lowlands. The sole of their foot is treading the mountain peaks of their possessions. Many are climbing to attain to that highest calling of God; that is, to reign on the throne with Christ Jesus. Many are called but only a few are chosen ones. All of Israel had the opportunity to enter Canaan but the majority never entered.

Too many today stand back and moan about the Canaanites, Amalekites, Hittites, Amorites, Jebusites, and mosquito bites, instead of marching out laden down with milk and honey, grapes and pomegranates, shouting the victory, "We are well able to possess the land." There are many thirtyfold and sixtyfold fruit producers, but, glory to God for the hundredfold possessors who have taken the land.

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A Vista of the *Bishops' Council and Fortieth Annual Assembly*

M. M. MORTENSON, Pastor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

On August 29, at 9 a. m., the Church of God ecumenical Bishops' Council opened in the Church of God Bible Training School and College auditorium in Sevierville, Tennessee. Over six hundred bishops were in attendance. The Council's deliberations were most signally attended by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, resulting in vital decisions being reached for the Church's immediate future development. Our proficient and esteemed General Overseer, Rev. John C. Jernigan, was re-elected to the office of General Overseer. Rev. H. L. Chesser, a man of unquestionable abilities, who has served for many years as pastor and state overseer, and one year as Northwestern District Assistant General Overseer, was elected to the office of Assistant General Overseer. We are certain that he will make valuable contributions to the Church in this office.

YOUTH

Among the important issues to come before the Council was that of youth. Rev. E. L. Simmons, now President of our Bible Training School and College, gave a challenging address on our responsibility to youth. A committee of five was appointed to study the needs of our young people as to education, properly supervised recreation, and spirituality. Some states, it was reported, have already purchased sites for youth conferences. It seems apparent that we shall awaken everywhere to our illimitable possibilities of winning and holding YOUTH for CHRIST.

MEMBERSHIP

The Council was gratified in the announcement that there was an increase in membership this year of over 11,000, making a total membership of well over 100,000.

UNITY

All attendants surely attest to the

most glorious manifestations of the power of the Spirit, making the Council fill the description of Psalm 133.

Sunday morning (V-J Day) came the official opening of the Assembly. The Bishops' Council, having been earlier restricted by the O.D.T. to only three hundred fifty bishops and no evangelists, had caused the decision to be made restricting the Assembly to be only ministerial in its attendance. President Truman, having officially declared that day to be V-J Day, the first message was given by Rev. Glyndon Logsdon, state overseer of North and South Dakota, paying tribute to the flag of our country, expressing profound thanks to God for victory and directing our hearts toward a mighty chorus of prayerful thanksgiving. We shall never forget that august body of bishops and a few laity lifting their hearts and hands to God, in inexpressible gratitude for the close of so ghastly a conflict and the triumph of TRUTH AND DECENCY! The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. R. P. Johnson, on "Consecration and Responsibility of the Ministry." This was a monumental message, stressing the indispensable power of the Spirit of the Lord in the dispensing of ministerial duties.

The afternoon was given wholly to a missionary service. Rev. M. P. Cross, our efficient Executive Mission Secretary, was in charge of this session. Numbers of missionaries were present from various foreign countries and islands of the sea. Reports of their fruitful work was indeed good news from countries afar. Their reports of the ripened harvest fields and the great turning of hosts to seek the Lord sounded at times like an imaginary romance, and in the midst of these reports there was weeping, shouting, laughing, and praying as we were made to see as NEVER BEFORE the urgent need of carrying the gospel of Christ to ALL the WORLD.

As the direct results of two of our missionaries having recently been sent to the Hawaiian Islands, two native young ladies had come to our Bible School, having begun their studies during the summer term. They sang some beautiful Hawaiian hymns, accompanying themselves with guitar and ukulele, also translating them into the English language. They also gave moving testimonies of their conversion and plan to return to their own people as soon as possible with the blessed gospel story of Jesus. Upon learning of some difficulty in the payment of their way through school, contributions were made to them in the amount of \$476.29 by those present, who felt constrained to give.

This was indeed a triumphant Bishops' Council and Assembly! Everyone, in leaving for his field of labor, felt that this year is going to be one of the greatest in the history of the Church of God for its expansion and blessing of humanity. With submissive anticipation we look forward to an open Assembly next year, with no less than 15,000 of our good ministry and laity in attendance. May the blessing of the Lord God be upon us one and all as we push forward into new frontiers of love and service for our fellowman! Live forever, the memory of the Bishops' Council and 40th Annual Assembly of the Church of God in the year of our Lord 1945!

Great Revival

BENNDALE, Miss.—We have just closed one of the greatest revivals at Benndale in years. Rev. Cecil Knight, as evangelist, and his two sisters, Louise and Annie, made up the Knight trio. Twenty-two were saved, two sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. The people enjoyed Brother Knight's Spirit-filled messages and their special singing. The revival will long be remembered. Pray that God will continue to bless.—Pastor E. C. Hart.

HERE'S GOLD

LEWIN N. POTEET

"Some men's sins are open before-hand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after," 1 Tim. 5:24.

"Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine," 1 Tim. 1:9, 10.

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time," 1 Tim. 2:5, 6.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry," 2 Tim. 4:1-5.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," Heb. 9:27.

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God," Heb. 10:31.

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord," Heb. 12:14.

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge," Heb. 13:4.

"By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the

ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water," 1 Peter 3:19, 20.

"For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit," 1 Peter 4:6.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord," Acts 3:19.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel," Mark 1:15.

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth," Prov. 27:1.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon," Isa. 55:7.

"I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin," Psa. 32:5.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy," Prov. 28:13.

"Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation," Heb. 3:15.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near," Isa. 55:6.

"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)" 2 Cor. 6:2.

"And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" St. Luke 12:19, 20.

"My spirit shall not always strive with men," Gen. 6:3.

"Prepare to meet thy God," Amos 4:12.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh," Matt. 24:44.

"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him," Heb. 10:38.

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God," Heb. 3:12.

"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth," Rev. 3:16.

Confess to God. 1 John 1:9. Submit to God. Jer. 3:12.

MY ONE REGRET

My only regret in knowing,
Lord, Thy great love and blessing,
Is that I, when just at birth,
Could have received Thy holy caressing.

For wasted years are years in sin,
Though many lessons learned;
I mourn for days so idly used,
When once God's love I spurned.

—L. N. P.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death," Rev. 21:8.

So you see, friends, "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." "Come now, let us reason together," saith the Lord, for the Lord cannot look on sin, but your soul He loveth. Won't you try Him once? Let the great God help bear your troubles. Your sins, after repented of, are remembered no more against you, if you are honest and they are forgiven by our Lord. There is no repentance after death. Jesus preached to the spirits so they could be judged like we will be judged, because these were the souls of the people in Noah's time. It is appointed unto man once to die, then the judgment. Send your sins before you, beloved. Don't meet them in judgment when God shall open the books. That day the books will be balanced, the debts be settled. Become sorry for your sins, forsake them, and Jesus will save your precious soul.

God bless you whoever reads this.

The Two It's

HOMER C. SMITH

We find an extreme contrast between these two meaning words of the adversary; antagonistic they are, for victory over the other. The "it" on the one hand is everything, and the "it" on the other is not everything. We, as the children of God, are subject to the consequences of the outcome of either. We can be in the victorious climax of one, with all its glorious achievements, or, we can be in the decay and ruin, with eternal oblivion, in the other. Both are described in the Book of God. Christ said, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against IT," which assertion can mean only that this "it" will conquer, notwithstanding its many and much opposition. It means something else, too, in a personal sense of concern. It means that Christ is going to have a people who will bring this confidential expression into being, regardless of what you or we do about it, whether we do something or not anything.

It causes me to fear. I want to be in the glorious victory march with the "IT," and I know you do, brother. God grant that we shall be, and not be caught in the decay and ruin of the earth. Let us go back and hear the first assurance of this one "IT'S" triumph. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel," Gen. 3:15.

"Enmity" means to hate. We are not to compromise with sin and Satan, but are to hate both. We find ourselves in an attitude, at times, of playing in the hand of Satan's very subtle plans, with innocent thoughtfulness of acting wisely in an effort, seemingly, to do good. But quite the contrary reveals itself in the results, because we fail to understand the deep-rooted meaning and consequences of sin and its author. We cannot ever conquer sin in one's life in a compromise mood of cuddling the deadly thing even for a moment. When we find a deadly snake in our path we do not surround its place where coiled ready to strike at the next passerby, assuming that we will find a better stick tomorrow with which to attack. No, we at least get something there

and then and attack.

No, brother, we are not talking in the terms of taking the goat by the horns, as it were, and slaying both goat and rider; but we do need to slay the goat, and let the rider find himself standing on his feet, on the Rock. We are in the attitude of conniving, as it were, at sin, thinking that peradventure we will find a more profitable time and place in which to deal with it. Sin doesn't wait. Sin is conscious of our contemplations of assuming wisdom, and strikes immediately. Neither is God going to wait. If we fail to grasp the truth of this important matter, God will raise up an army that will march against Satan and sin. We are to hate sin, not cuddle it. Our weapon is the LOVE of Christ in our hearts. I wonder if we know for certain just what such love is. If we are willing to die for Christ's cause and put ourselves on the altar, such love will come to us.

Now this enmity between the "seeds" has revealed itself all down through the dispensations. We find it in the contrast of Cain and Abel—love on the one hand and sin on the other. Abel loved God and feared of not pleasing Him, hence he offered God the best he had to give. Cain on the other hand didn't take death seriously and in an indifferent and nonchalant manner offered God fruit of a cursed earth, a subtle trick of Satan's. But Abel dug in deeper and offered to God the choice of a flock, which was not under the curse. Ah, brother, it will be profitable to us to dig deeper.

Again we find the two "seeds" at war one against the other in Moses and Pharaoh. Satan positively directed Pharaoh's mind against God in all his conduct of cruelty on the children of Israel. But when they underwent all his torments, God raised up Moses to deliver them, and the Book says, "For he was a *goodly seed*." Moses hated Satan and sin in the camp of the children of Israel, and dealt with it. And God has always raised up a *goodly seed* down through life's journey, to preserve holiness on the earth. There are many instances we could mention. Another is the likeness of David. As Satan directed the mind of Saul to

destroy the good seed (David), truly God was always on the scene to preserve him.

But the major performance or the first half of the text was carried out in the crucifying of Christ. One thing Satan did not know at the time he dispatched Christ to death, he did not know that Christ's death would open up the avenue of escape from sin and bring into being the birth of the Church of God, the "it" which is to ultimately conquer Satan, and such was the bruising of the head of Satan prophesied in the text. But, lest we forget, the last clause of the text will be fulfilled against us. So yet we find ourselves faced with the fact of being the heel of prophecy, and will, as it were, be bruised in the battle for victory and the way of escape.

In the twelfth chapter of Revelation we find the man child as the prevailing and enraptured saints, whom Satan will attempt to destroy at the very last moment. But, thank God, "IT" will prevail and go out of this sin-covered earth gloriously. "But thou shalt bruise his heel." The "IT" in this fulfillment takes on the personal pronoun "his," for there will be saints other than the Church (the bride) numbered in the rapture. But I want to be "IT," don't you? Now so much for the "IT."

In reading the thirteenth verse of Matthew five we find, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost HIS savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing."

We were asked one time what the name of Lot's wife was and on not being able to produce a name recorded of such a person so many times referred to for a lesson for others, even ourselves, the name "IT" is the best we could find, after much study and thought. Surely "IT" was a suitable name for Lot's wife since such lack of quality for saltiness has been for ages applicable to that pillar of salt, which is *good for nothing* (not even salty). "It" is good for nothing.

God help us to be good for at least something. We wondered if even the grazing cattle on the plains of Sodom ever licked at that pillar for savor. No, "IT" was good for nothing, the Bible says. Hence "IT" simply stood there in the same position till finally decayed and was destroyed. Oh, brother, let us not be in such a state of uselessness. Let us not lose our saltiness. Let us be seasoning to someone.

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CHRIST THE SAVIOR FOR THE HEATHEN



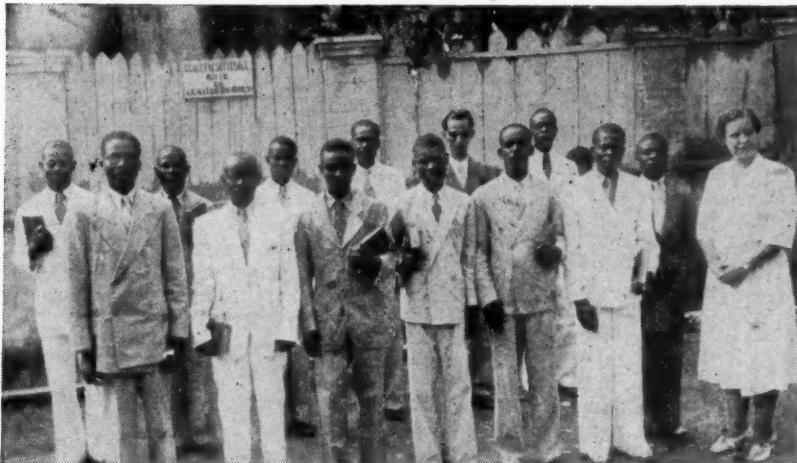
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Brother Archer arrived here the Fourth of July for our conventions in Haiti. He left Ciudad Trujillo about noon and arrived in Port-au-Prince in just about three quarters of an hour by airplane. By car this is a full day's trip and a very tiring one, but Brother Archer stepped off the plane refreshed and ready to go into action for the Lord. We are having blessed times together in the Lord.

That night we had a fine radio program in French, followed by an impressive baptismal service of thirty who had been chosen out of an instruction class of about one hundred. We had assisted in the examination of these candidates the week before and were happy to present the group to be buried with the Lord in His death and raised in the power of His resurrected life. This was a wonderful way of celebrating the Fourth, and will be a day to be remembered, not only by those thirty, but also by sixteen others who at the end of the service gave their hearts to the Lord, including one family of nine—the mother and eight children.

The baptismal service was very impressive. The church was packed, the aisles completely filled, and the entire crowd was very attentive and respectful. This was the first time many of

them had been present at such a gospel service. Brother Archer's greetings on behalf of the Mission Board and the brethren in the United States, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic, were received with warm applause. The work here in Haiti is respected and loved by the people and appreciated by everyone that comes in contact with it.

Early the next morning Brother Archer and I went up to the mountains following the picturesque road to Kenscoff. After a time we came upon some brethren with horses waiting for us on a trail by the roadside. We parked the car and rode the horses to Fort Jacques. Rounding the last bend in the path, we heard the songs of Zion and came in sight of the church. These humble people received the gospel with open hearts when we preached there seven years ago, and now this whole mountainside echoes with the songs of the redeemed.

In his message, Brother Archer brought out how these people had much to be thankful for—their homes, those beautiful high mountains, the clean, invigorating air, their fruitful gardens, and above all these, for having found Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and could be there together to worship Him according to the Bible, the Word of God. We had a

blessed time together in the Lord, and it was with regret that we parted so soon and remounted our horses to start on the downward trail to the much warmer lowlands. But dark clouds had begun to gather, and soon we were riding in the midst of clouds. Thunder and lightning made us hasten the pace of our mountain ponies and, finally, we reached the car. Farther down the road we noticed the dark clouds all disappeared gradually as they lowered into the layers of warmer air which absorbed all their moisture. This seemed to explain what had been happening during the last few weeks. Practically every evening when we were about to leave for church, it seemed that a heavy storm was about to burst upon us, but we continued, started the service, and the people packed the church. No rain fell until much later at night after we had all returned to our homes.

Friday night, at the Port-au-Prince service, we had a real blessed time and then the half-hour radio program in Creole. Brother Archer spoke that evening on the second coming of our Lord. Many souls found Jesus as their Savior at the altar. Praise the Lord for the many Haitians who are being prepared to meet Jesus when He comes back again for us.

Bright and early Saturday morning, we went to Leogane. Pastor Mathurin had started the district convention there the night before with an attendance of four hundred representatives from the various stations and missions in his charge. Some had come so far it had taken them seven and eight hours walking over rugged mountain paths from missions near Jacmel, following river streams and roadways and had, finally, arrived at Leogane to attend this district convention and baptismal service. The month before, in June, there had been so many ready for baptism in this most distant mission of Petite Riviere near Jacmel, that Pastor Mathurin had held a special baptismal service for them in which forty new converts were baptized. Here in Leogane Broth-

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DEATHS

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Sunday School, and Y.P.E. services. His body was laid to rest in the Homerville, Georgia, cemetery. Rev. James L. Slay, assisted by the undersigned, and Rev. Taft Ogden, local pastor, officiated at his funeral.

His companion and five children have our sympathy and prayers.—E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary.

GOFF

The death angel claimed Melvin Earl, son of Brother and Sister Luther Goff, as its victim; age seven years and three months. The family has our sympathy.—B. G. Pomroy, pastor, Gasparilla, Fla.

CHESSER

Brother Walter C. Chesser, age sixty-six years, a faithful member of the Church of God at Williston, Fla., departed this life August 20, 1945.—His pastor, Kyle Bryan.

DEAN

James Wardlow Dean was born February 6, 1877, and died August 11, 1945; age sixty-eight years, six months, and five days. The church will miss the influence of his godly life.—His pastor, F. L. Braddock, Live Oak, Fla.

MARLIN

Our dear husband and father, A. M. Marlin, passed away August 16, 1945; age seventy-four years, one month, and twelve days. He was a member of the Church of God.

Pray for us that we may meet him in the sweet by-and-by.—His wife and children, Cave City, Ark.

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to all. Please continue to pray for her. I know God is able and willing. Pray for me that I may seek daily for all the good blessings God has in store for me and that I will stay humble and serve Him according to His good will.
—Mrs. Jim Woodle, Rt. 2, Bogata, Tex.

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We have surely had a struggle, being in the country, but God has blessed us with a new rock veneer church which will soon be completed and we are looking forward to the big day of our dedicating it to God. Our church will be one of the nicest on this district.

We also have a good Sunday School and feel God is richly rewarding us now, for it is growing every Sunday. We are looking forward to the one hundred mark by Christmas.

Please pray for us here and remember our Sunday School superintendent, Brother J. W. Warner, that God will continue to bless his every effort toward building up our Sunday School, and pray for our good pastor.—Mrs. J. W. Warner, Sunday School secretary.

The Truth Attracts Attention

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—I still love the Lord; He has been so good to me and mine. I have two boys in the Service, one in Germany, the other on Saipan flying a B-29, and I know the Lord has heard and answered prayer for them and my prayer is that they will return home safe and sound.

I praise the Lord for the Church of God in Brownfield, Tex., also praise Him for Brother and Sister Cook, Brother and Sister Anthony and Brother and Sister Hull. They have all been a blessing to the church. The Lord blessed Brother Hull in getting the church built here, as there was only one man in the church to help, Brother Alton Hartman, but he was a faithful one. Quite a few outsiders helped and I pray the Lord's blessing on them. A number of other churches are looking to the truth Brother Hull has given out from the Word of God.

I have much to praise the Lord for.

He keeps me healed, both soul and body, and keeps me filled with love for souls who are without God. If we keep our own door swept around then we might be a fit subject to help others to clean up.

I pray God's blessing on all who read this and covet your prayers for the church here.—Mrs. Cora Bagley, Rt. 3.

Victory in Our Midst

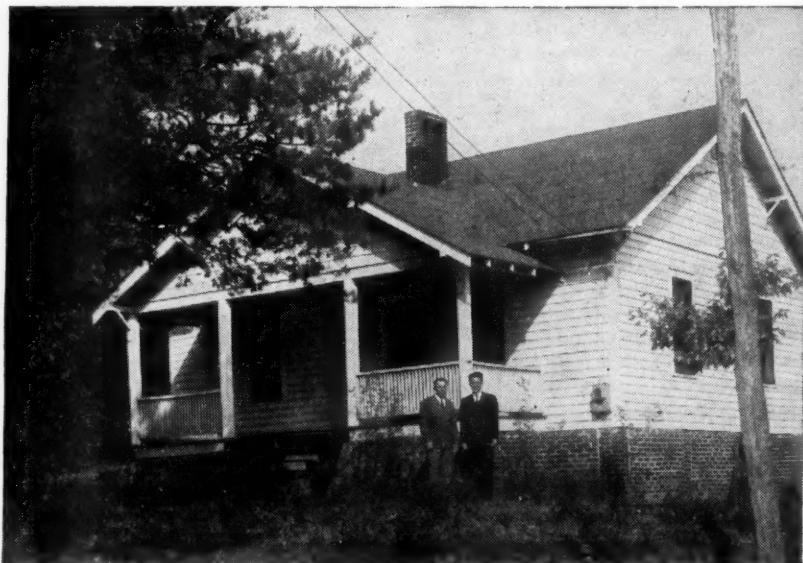
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—We are happy to report victory in our midst. Sister Anne Glow has just closed a three weeks' revival. God blessed, the power came down into our midst, and the whole church was set on fire. Five were saved, four sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. That is a good record for St. Petersburg. The last night of the meeting we had an old-time feet washing and Lord's supper.

We have a thriving Willing Workers'

Band and Y.P.E.

We go to the city jail every Sunday and have service with the inmates. Some ten or fifteen have been saved and received the Baptism right there in that old jail. The officers say we are really helping this town. Praise God. An elderly man was walking along the sidewalk and asked Sister Glow if she could tell him where there was a store that sold pocket knives. She said she didn't know but asked him if he went to church any place. He said, No. The old fellow got all stirred inside and cried right on the street. He said he was eighty years old and had once lived for God. He came to the Church of God and the people loved him so he had to do something, so he went to the camp meeting at Wimauma, Fla., and fell in the altar there and God so regenerated his soul and sanctified him that he shouted and danced and ran all over the place. Since then his daughter has been blessed and united with the

PARSONAGE AT MARION, SOUTH CAROLINA



This is the parsonage of the Church of God at Marion, S. C. The two men in front are our pastor, Brother C. M. Roseman, on the left, and Merley Hensley, clerk and treasurer, on the right.

Brother Roseman came to Marion this September a year ago and purchased the parsonage. Six weeks later he put on a drive among the church people and the business men of Marion and raised \$748 for the down payment. It is a five-room home with nice hardwood floors and is near the church. It is appreciated by the people. We also have a nice large church with no indebtedness. We appreciate Brother Roseman and his wife for they worked hard this past year to purchase the parsonage. We have just thirty-six members. Pray for us at Marion.—Merley Hensley, clerk and treasurer.

church and feels the call to work for the Lord. Our young people are very grateful. We ask all to pray for us here that we will do God's will.—Mrs. L. C. Yates, 3120 Freemont Terrace.

We Have a Good Work

MT. HOLLY, Ark.—We thank the Lord for the way He has blessed us since we came to Mt. Holly about two and one-half years ago. There are some real children of God here; they have stood by us in every way with their prayers, offerings, and gifts of every kind. They really love to work for the Lord.

We are happy to report some of the good work. We have just about completed a nice new block church with five Sunday School rooms, a furnace room and a study in the basement. Our L.W.W.B. services are a great blessing to us all. Brother Norwood is a fine Y.P.E. president. We have recently begun a Junior Y.P.E. We feel that we have been missing something worth while, for the children love to sing, speak or read the Bible for the Lord and our Sunday School is one of the best; it has tripled in attendance since we came. The membership of the church has about doubled, for which we give God the glory, for it is through Him we live and have our being.—Mrs. R. W. Doolittle.

My Experience in Divine Healing

In the year 1917 I had a great desire to step out on divine healing. At this time the devil began to tell me that I could not do that for I had three precious little children whom I loved dearly and if they got sick I would resort to medicine. But I promised God I would trust Him. I did not know at that time what it would mean in the years to come. Then Satan began to bring sickness on my little children, one after another, and my wife and I surely went through some testing, but when I said I would step out on divine healing, my wife said the same and she has shared faithfully our troubles; we have trusted in the Lord.

The first healing in our family was one of my babies. It was sick near unto death and it looked like it wouldn't be with us long. I went out of the house a little way and knelt and prayed, then went back to the house and lay on the bed and the Lord showed me a vision. When I arose every bit of fear that the child was

going to die was gone and I felt satisfied it would be healed. From that time the child began to mend.

Another one of my children became ill. At this time we lived seven miles from the Church of God and didn't have any way to let the saints know about it so they could come and pray for the child. It grew worse and worse and all night it seemed the next breath would be the last. Early in the morning my wife laid the baby on a pillow and laid the pillow on the floor. She knelt on one side of it and I knelt on the other and we poured out our hearts to the Lord. All at once the baby's face brightened up and the gloss left its eyes. From that moment it began to get better. Later my wife took the measles, then two of the children took the measles, so before my wife got well she had to get up and see after the children. She relapsed and went down to death's door. She became so low she could hardly raise her arms and I had to turn her in bed. One morning she whispered to me that if there wasn't a change she would not be with us long. I asked her what she wanted me to do and she said, "Get somebody to pray for me." I went after a good old

sister and others who trusted in the Lord and the four of us knelt around my wife's bed and prayed, then obeyed by laying our hands on her. She was touched by the power of God, and raised up in bed and began to praise the Lord with a loud voice. A few minutes before she could only whisper.

Oh, I praise the Lord for the wonderful healings that have taken place in my family, others just as great as the ones which I have told, but space will not permit my telling about all of them.—A. C. Sumner, 837 N. Texas Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

Work a Success

WESTVILLE, Fla.—The two weeks' revival and daily vacation Bible school held at the campground by Sister Dovie Bearden and coworkers, Frances Bearden and Jewell Adkinson, were a great success. Fourteen received experiences with the Lord, one was sanctified, thirteen saved, of which six received the Holy Ghost. Wonderful healings were performed; the music and special singing rendered was greatly enjoyed.—W. C. Thomason, Rt. 1.

Bremen, Ga., Church Note Burning



On Saturday night, May 25, 1945, the members and friends of the Bremen, Ga., Church of God met for the purpose of burning the note on the nice brick church which was erected by the good pastor, Rev. Rone Norton, and the faithful members of the church. Brother Norton has done a fine work since coming to Bremen. He came to Bremen three years ago and organized a church with six or eight members and started building a church. Now we have twenty-seven members and a nice brick church and it paid for. We appreciate the work of Brother Norton and his fine people. Brother Norton may be seen in the picture with the burning note in hand.—Clyde N. Bolt, district overseer.

Where Treadeth the Sole

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Jericho had to be *taken* even after God said, "I have given it to you." God also said, "I have set you in heavenly places," but, friends, the heavens *must be taken*. Every step the sole of your foot takes into our inheritance must be taken by force. The devil, our enemy, will not allow us to enter peaceably. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," but "we are well able."

Oh, brother, sister, are you satisfied just because you are saved? or sanctified? Are you stopping with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, saying, that you "have it all now"? If so, then no wonder you are drab and lean, and your testimony shallow and dry, and your everyday life failing to measure up to the "high calling." No wonder your talent is buried. No wonder the oil is burned dry and your lamp gone out. No wonder you are leaving Kadesh-barnea to wander in the waste lands.

Saints of God, I challenge you to lift your eyes to the heights. Set your vision on your possessions. The sole of your foot will tread the way to the tree of life where awaits the crown of life and a white stone with a new name written on it. Reach for that white raiment, and make a run for that temple, that you might be a pillar in it, and have His name written over you, and, dear friends, the sole of your foot will lead you straight to the throne room where Jesus will greet you, and say, "To him will I grant to sit with me in my throne." Come on, friends, let us mount up with wings as eagles; let us run and not be weary. The prize awaits us at the end of the race, when we have possessed the land. We are well able!

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er Mathurin had built a nice little basin for the baptismal service which saved us a long trip to the ocean where we would otherwise have had to baptize.

After a singing and exhortation service, we entered directly into the baptismal service. We baptized fifty-seven new converts, and what a glorious time we had as we celebrated together this testimony of going all the way with Jesus. Brother Archer's message was

timely and inspiring on "The Baptism of Water and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost." While we had this large group together, we also gave needful instruction regarding the baptism of the Holy Ghost, taught a number of songs out of our new song book called the "Revival Echo" or, in French, "Echo du Reveil," and welcomed these new members into the church. Sister Kluzit, besides interpreting for Brother Archer, accompanied the singing with her much-appreciated accordion.

Here in Leogane we have always had difficulty in finding a suitable lodging place for our workers. We had built, years ago, in the beginning of the work, a mud and lime plaster house with a straw roof for the worker in charge. But every time we sent a worker to live here he became seriously ill in a short time with malaria and would have to leave. Pastor Mathurin has recently started the construction of a house that should certainly prove more healthful for the workers sent to this very important section. In the rainy season, especially, is it noted for this unhealthful condition. This is a very fruitful plain where sugar cane and bananas thrive, but since there is so much water there, especially in the rainy season when the water cannot be drained off fast enough, it is infected with malarial mosquitoes. The Lord has been very good to us in taking care of our workers in spite of these conditions, and the work has gone right on. Pastor Mathurin just now is recuperating from malaria which he got while at Leogane. He is reduced in weight and size until he is about half the man that he was. But we thank the Lord that he is on the road to recovery. Regardless of his sickness, he will not leave the field, having his heart so attached that he stays right on.

Early in the afternoon we left all these dear people, many of whom would have that long, long trail ahead of them before they reached their own homes. We continued on the country road to Petit Goave where we arrived several hours later. We found places prepared for us in the big house that the Mission Board had purchased as headquarters for this district. It is used for the Bible School, a day school and the home of the district pastor, Brother Remus Arbez.

We were already quite warm and tired, but Brother Archer and I went

out in a small boat to a little island in the bay which was used by the Bible School men for "Upper Room Experiences"—where they could have complete liberty in seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Upon returning to the Bible School, we found everyone in feverish work completing the preparations for the presentation of the day school students, which is usually at the close of the school term. About 3 a. m. we were awakened by the singing and the praying of a large number of our church people who had come for the convention, and who had been sleeping everywhere about the house—on the porches, in the class rooms, in the Bible School dormitory, under the trees and under the arbors, and even in the outside kitchen. Their prayers and songs arose like the soothing murmuring and rumbling of water going over cataracts, and was sweet music to our ears. We joined them in lifting our own hearts to the Lord.

Later that morning, we were all gathered at the beach where we baptized in the ocean. The big crowd of citizens of the city of Petit Goave that attended this wonderful service received an indelible testimony from these sixty converts who left their lives of sin to answer the call of Jesus Christ to be His disciples. All the visitors gave respectful attention to the entire service on the beach. A number of the more enterprising ones were sitting in their boats anchored near us as we baptized.

That morning at the service following the baptismal service, the little church was completely packed, and the arbors in front and in the rear were filled with members and representatives from our various missions of the district. This little church of Petit Goave, forty-five feet by twenty-two feet, is a landmark in the history of the development of the Church of God mission work in Haiti, for the members built it by themselves during the time the churches were closed, saying, "This is our Ebenezer, for thus far hath the Lord helped us!" Every member in this little church has received the baptism of the Holy Ghost except three.

These are wonderful times of feasting upon the Bread of Life when the saints come into the conventions to join hand, heart, and voice to the praise and glory of our Redeemer. What will it be "when we all get to

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heaven—what a day of rejoicing that will be!" The afternoon was given to a much-appreciated program at the Bible School, presented by the eighty-two students of the day school. The grammar schools that have been established by our churches in thirty-five centers throughout Haiti have helped to place our church work in higher estimation by the Government and officials. At the same time they are preparing more capable and better-trained preachers for the mission fields.

At the evening service we found that all the delegates from the outlying missions had already started their homeward journeys and the church was filled with people from Petit Goave. Stirring messages were given by Brother Archer, Sister Kluzit, and myself, followed by an altar call given by the pastor. About fifteen made their decisions for the Lord amid the prayers and rejoicing of believers in the church. The service concluded, we started homeward ourselves toward Port-au-Prince very much tired in body, but rejoicing in the Spirit. What greater dividends can we earn during our short stay upon this earth than seeking the lost sheep for the Master? As the Lord said he that would save his life must lose it, we are certainly happiest here when we find ourselves buried in the all-absorbing tasks accompanying this great revival going on in Haiti.

We shall write further about the other conventions we attended in our next letter. Pray for us. May the Lord bless you and all the brethren giving of your means and spiritual help that this great cause for Christ in Haiti might prosper.

Your co-laborer in Christ,
John P. Kluzit.

THE TWO IT'S

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Now I'm fond of salt, at least a seasoning portion, and most every one knows when a dish of food lacks seasoning salt and will ask for salt to apply himself when the seasoning has not been sufficient.

A small child does not know enough to say, "Pass the salt, please," but simply pushes his plate back, and says, "This is not good." God help us to settle "It" once and for all, now. God bless you.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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don't know it, perhaps someone is watching us. "Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone," Exod. 34:29. You can't be ashamed of the Lord Jesus. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." That is why you have to confess the Lord and testify.

There are some people in the world that would like to be right with God if they could keep it hid. They don't want any of "that shouting and rejoicing." But, glory to God, I don't want to keep it hid. I never have been ashamed of Jesus, and I never will. I tell you, friends, all my people knew when I found God. I made a special trip to tell them about it. But some people will get saved and act like they are ashamed of it. Jesus said if you are ashamed of Him down here He will be ashamed of you before His Father in heaven. We don't want that to happen, do we?

I know of some Christians, who belong to the Church of God, who never shout or act like they feel the power of God at all. Listen, Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewithal shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out to be trodden under foot of men." Do you suppose the ones who don't shout have lost their savor and don't know it? Maybe they need to go down to the

altar and get some fresh salt. The world has its eyes on us and it is not all in shouting and making a lot of noise, either, so we must be careful and live right three hundred and sixty-five days a year to make sinners believe there is anything to holiness.

The Lord is coming soon and what are we doing about it? Are we letting our lights shine and telling others about God's love and saving power? or are we too busy backsliding and trying to pray through ourselves that we have no time for others, or even if we did we would find they didn't have any confidence in us? Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life," John 8:12. After the resurrection of Jesus, Peter became a radiant personality. Like Moses, he wist not that his face shone. People believed that his shadow would do a man good, so they brought forth the sick into the streets so that the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

It is said that late one night the wife of a dying man knocked at the door of Henry Drummond's home. She begged him to come to see her husband at once. "He is not able to speak to you or to see you," she said. "And he may not be able to hear you. But I would like him to have a breath of you about him before he dies." The shadow of Christ had fallen on Henry Drummond and through him fell on others.

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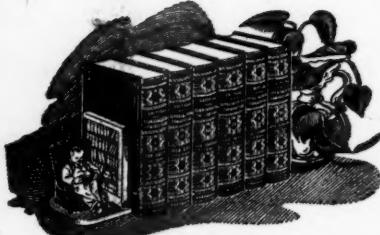
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